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TO AMEMBASSY MONTEVIDEO

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SUBJECT: PORT SURCHARGE

1. DEPARTMENT INFORMED BY FEDERAL MARITIME COMMISSION (FMC) THAT OVER THE YEARS ALL CONFERENCES OPERATING FROM U.S. PORTS TO PORTS IN URUGUAY HAVE MAINTAINED A 5 PERCENT SURCHARGE ON ALL FREIGHT AND CHARGES ON SHIPMENTS TO URUGUAYAN PORTS. DURING LATTER PART OF 1973, THE PACIFIC COAST RIVER PLATE BRAZIL CONFERENCE INCREASED THE SURCHARGE FROM 5 PERCENT TO 10 PERCENT, EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 15, 1973. IN RESPONSE TO FMC LETTER OF INQUIRY ON MARCH 8, 1974, THE CONFERENCE IN A LETTER DATED MARCH 26, 1974 STATED THAT THE INCREASE IN SURCHARGE REFLECTS HIGHER COST OF DISCHARGE AT THE PORT OF MONTEVIDEO AS COMPARED TO BUENOS AIRES. IN ADDITION, THE CONFERENCE REPORTED THAT THE URUGUAYAN GOVERNMENT DECREED AN INCREASE IN WAGES OF 31.48 PERCENT TO PRIVATE LABOR AND 25 PERCENT TO GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES. THE LABOR COST INCREASE WAS UNCLASSIFIED

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CALCULATED TO MEAN OVER-ALL INCREASE OF 27 PERCENT TO BE

ABSORBED BY EMPLOYERS. BASED ON THE FOREGOING, CONFERENCE
INCREASED SURCHARGE FROM 5 TO 10 PERCENT.

2. IN VIEW OF THE ABOVE FACTS, AND PARTICULARLY IN VIEW
OF THE FACT THAT THE INTER-AMERICAN FREIGHT CONFERENCE
(U.S. ATLANTIC AND GULF PORTS TO URUGUAY) CONTINUES TO

ASSESS ONLY A 5 PERCENT SURCHARGE AT URUGUAYAN PORTS,
DEPARTMENT REQUESTS EMBASSY FURNISH REPORT ON PORT
CONGESTION, WAITING TIME, LOADING CONDITIONS, AND ANY
OTHER IMPEDIMENTS TO RAPID DISCHARGE OF CARGOES AT
ABOVE-NAMED PORT. ADDITIONALLY, FMC WOULD APPRECIATE
KNOWING IF FOREIGN CONFERENCES HAVE TAKEN ANY ACTION WITH
RESPECT TO INCREASE IN RATES ON THEIR SURCHARGE, IF THEY
HAVE ONE, TO URUGUAY DUE TO LABOR COST INCREASES. RUSH

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